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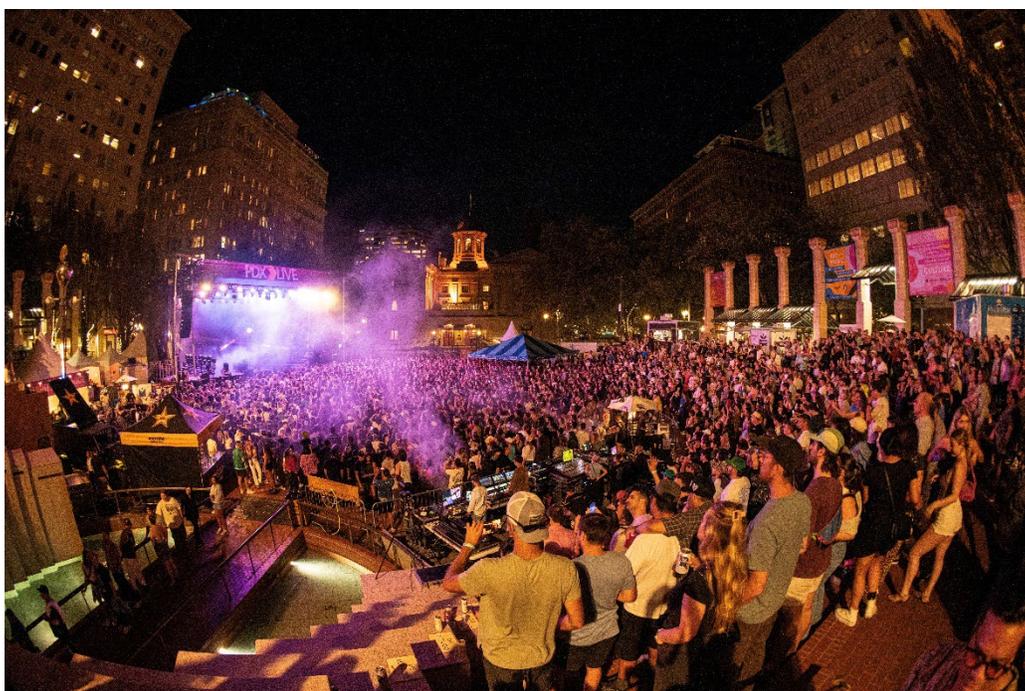
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**TRUE WEST AND PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE BRING PDX-LIVE BACK TO DOWNTOWN PORTLAND FOR A FIFTH YEAR THIS AUGUST**

*Featuring long-awaited reunions from Sugar, The Breeders, and Acid Bath, a special album performance of Boys and Girls in America by The Hold Steady, breakout folk hero Jesse Welles, plus Modest Mouse, Japanese Breakfast, Vince Staples, Courtney Barnett and more!*

**PORTLAND, OR (February 23, 2026)** This August, the outdoor summer concert series PDX-Live returns to Pioneer Courthouse Square in downtown Portland for a fifth consecutive year. The series kicks off August 4 with iconic singer-songwriter **Ani DiFranco**, and closes with acclaimed rapper **Vince Staples**, bringing one of the most eclectic lineups in the event's history to the heart of the city.



Today, True West and The Square announce the full festival lineup:

**Ani DiFranco with Valerie June**

August 4, 2026

**Muna**

August 6, 2026

**Suki Waterhouse**

August 7, 2026

**The Hold Steady (performing 'Boys and Girls in America') + The Mountain Goats**

August 8, 2026

**Modest Mouse**

August 9, 2026

**Tomahawk with The Melvins**

August 10, 2026

**Japanese Breakfast**

August 11, 2026

**Jesse Welles**

August 12, 2026

**Joe Russo's Almost Dead**

August 13, 2026

**Sugar with J. Robbins**

August 14, 2026

**Beach Bunny + The Beths**

August 15, 2026

**Acid Bath with Yob, Shawn James & Lacabra**

August 16, 2026

**The Breeders with Team Dresch**

August 18, 2026

## **Courtney Barnett with Built To Spill & Zoh Amba**

August 19, 2026

## **Vince Staples**

August 20, 2026

Booking for this year's PDX-Live series is once again helmed by True West's Trevor Solomon, who has also been lead talent buyer for the MusicfestNW and Boston Calling festivals.

"We've watched this series grow year by year, and the enthusiasm from Portland audiences has been a huge part of that," Solomon says. "Now in our fifth year, it feels like PDX-Live has become a summer tradition. We're proud of how the lineup and the fan experience have evolved, and there's nothing quite like live music in the Square on a summer evening."

This year's lineup blends rising voices, fan favorites, and rare moments that longtime music fans won't want to miss. Few artists embody the spirit of modern folk songwriting quite like **Jesse Welles**, whose incisive lyrics and rapidly growing national audience have made him one of the most talked-about new voices in Americana. His appearance at PDX-Live marks a rare opportunity to see an artist in the midst of a breakout moment in an intimate outdoor setting.

There are also unforgettable, once-in-a-lifetime performances anchored by long-awaited reunions. Influential alternative rock pioneers **Sugar** return to the stage for a rare reunion, while indie rock icons **The Breeders** reunite for a highly anticipated performance that celebrates one of the defining catalogs of the '90s and beyond. And in one of the most unexpected and historic bookings of the summer, **Acid Bath** reunites—bringing their legendary and rarely seen live show back to the stage for fans who have waited decades for the chance.

Other special moments abound across the series. **The Hold Steady** will perform their beloved album *Boys and Girls in America* in its entirety, revisiting one of the most celebrated indie rock releases of the 2000s, while **The Mountain Goats** bring their singular storytelling and devoted following to the same evening.

Across the rest of the lineup, audiences can expect a wide spectrum of sounds. **Ani DiFranco** brings her pioneering blend of folk, punk, and politically charged songwriting, **Muna** provides anthemic indie pop, **Suki Waterhouse** blends cinematic songwriting with modern pop textures, and **Japanese Breakfast** returns with her immersive and richly arranged live show. **Tomahawk** adds a dose of experimental, hard-edged rock, while **Vince Staples** closes the series with forward-thinking production and sharp lyricism.

Rock and indie favorites remain at the core of the series. **Modest Mouse** returns as hometown heroes whose restless catalog continues to define Northwest indie rock, while **Courtney Barnett** brings her sharp storytelling and guitar-driven energy to The Square. **The Beths** and **Beach Bunny** provide hook-laden power pop, and **Joe Russo's Almost Dead** celebrates the enduring legacy of the Grateful Dead, delivering marathon improvisations, adventurous

arrangements, and the kind of communal live experience that has defined the jam-band tradition for decades.

Several support acts have been announced to date, including acclaimed songwriter Valerie June, post-hardcore pioneer J. Robbins, indie rock institution Built To Spill, avant-jazz saxophonist Zoh Amba, Pacific Northwest punk legends Team Dresch, and heavy music standouts Yob, Shawn James, Lacabra and The Melvins.

"PDX-Live is more than just a summer concert series," says Courtney Posey, President of Pioneer Courthouse Square's nonprofit Board, "this series is a powerful economic engine for downtown Portland. By bringing 15 nationally touring artists to the heart of our city, we are driving foot traffic to local restaurants, hotels, and small businesses, creating a vibrant ripple effect that supports jobs and accelerates the revitalization of our urban core."

Tickets go on sale Friday, February 27 at 10 am (with various presales that week; fans should follow both True West and the artists on social media for presale information). Tickets can be purchased at [PDX-LIVE.com](http://PDX-LIVE.com).

#### **ABOUT TRUE WEST:**

True West is one of the leading independent concert promoters and event producers in the Pacific Northwest, producing events at Aladdin Theater, Revolution Hall, Woodland Park Zoo, as well as many other venues and event spaces throughout the Northwest.

#### **ABOUT PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE:**

Pioneer Courthouse Square is where Portland comes together. Through artistic, cultural, and civic programming, the nonprofit operating The Square strives to be the foundation of a diverse and thriving downtown, and in turn a better Portland. With nearly 300 events per year, The Square is home to many of Portland's favorite community traditions including concerts, festivals of food and drink, and cultural celebrations.

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